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THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) Three.

(*b*) 1,320·40 acres.

(*c*) The total number of ryots living in all the three colonies is 266 and the number of Harijans among them is 174.

SRI P. G. MANICKAM : ஸார், இந்த காலனிகளை கூட்டுறவு முறையில் நடத்துவதற்கு சர்க்காரிடம் ஏதாவது உத்தேசம் உண்டா ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : கூட்டுறவு முறையில் நடத்துவதற்கு சர்க்காருக்கு உத்தேசமிருக்கிறது.

Landless poor

* 190 *Q*.—SRI M. MUNI REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of landless poor that have applied for the assignment of lands in Hosur taluk, Salem district, during the period 1952 to 1956; and

(*b*) the number of persons that were granted lands and the total acreage so granted?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) 701.

(*b*) 565 persons and 4,278·25 acres.

SRI M. MUNI REDDI : May I know whether a large number of landless poor people of Krishnagiri taluk have applied for assignment of land in Hosur taluk, and if so, may I know how many have applied?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I am not aware of that. The local officers will enquire into the position. There is a very quick drive going on in that taluk for the allotment of lands to the landless poor.

Landless poor

* 191 *Q*.—SRI C. MUTHIAH PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have issued any directions to assign poramboke lands to landless poor;

(*b*) whether the Government have received any representations recently from Sirkali public and the Harijans in particular that their request for assignment of poramboke lands particularly non-communal lands and in unobjectionable cases have been usually turned down by the local officials without even considering the merits of the cases;

(*c*) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(*d*) the number of persons evicted for occupying poramboke lands in Sirkali taluk during 1955 and 1956?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Poramboke lands are lands used for communal purposes. The occupation of such lands is always treated as " prima facie " objectionable. However

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in cases where the occupation is not objectionable, the land under occupation is transferred to assessed waste and action is taken for its assignment. By the term " poramboke lands ", the hon. Member presumably refers to lands at the disposal of the Government other than poramboke lands, i.e., waste lands (assessed or unassessed). The Government have issued instructions to assign such lands to landless poor, likely to engage themselves in direct cultivation.

(*b*) No, Sir.

(*c*) Does not arise.

(*d*) There were 20 cases of eviction in 1955 and 38 cases in 1956.

SRI C. MUTHIAH PILLAI : நிலமில்லாத ஏழைகள் இப்போதிருக்கின்ற புறம்போக்கு நிலங்களிலிருந்து அவர்களை கிளப்பாமல் இருந்தால் நல்லது. அந்த புண்ணியத்தையாவது ரெவின்யூ மந்திரி அவர்கள் எடுத்துக்கொள்வார்களா ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : அந்த புண்ணியத்தை எடுத்துக்கொள்கிறேன். இதனால் மற்றவர்களுக்கு பாவம் ஏற்படுமானால் இந்த புண்ணியத்தை செய்ய முடியாது.

Landless poor

* 192 *Q.*—SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of lands distributed to the landless poor in Tirunelveli district in 1954–55 and 1955–56; and

(*b*) the number of Harijans among them?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) The extents are as below :—

	ACRES.
1954	0·30
1955	[illegible]8·48
1956	39·90

(*b*)—

1954 ..	1
1955 ..	1
1956 ..	2

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : From the figures read out by the Hon. Minister, is it not clear that the Government are very niggardly and very slow in the assignment of lands to the landless Harijans in Tirunelveli district?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : The extents read out previously were in thousands. But here it is not so because of the non-availability of land in the particular district. There may be other difficulties also. For example, the land may come under tank poramboke. Therefore, we cannot judge from figures. It all depends upon the situation there.